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Applicant : Scharp, et al. Appl. No. : 10/684,859

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For : IMPLANTATION

ENCAPSULATED BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS FOR TREATING

DISEASES

Examiner : Azpuru, Carlos A

Group Art Unit : 1615

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action sent June 1, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.